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## Sale of North American Industrial Vinegar Division

Please see attached copy of an announcement released to the Australian Stock Exchange this morning.

Yours sincerely

**HELEN GOLDING** 

Company Secretary/Group Legal Counsel

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Mr Graham Gates
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Dear Mr Gates

### SALE OF NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL VINEGAR DIVISION

On 18 April 2002, the Burns Philp Board announced that it had decided to sell its North American Industrial Vinegar Division.

On 23 August 2002 (New York time) the Company entered into an agreement for the sale of the Vinegar Division to Swander Pace Capital L.L.C, a US based private equity investor. The anticipated proceeds of the sale are approximately AUD 88 million.

Completion of the sale is conditional on satisfaction of usual closing conditions, including the Purchaser obtaining financing for the acquisition and certain third party consents. It is anticipated that the sale will be completed by the end of September.

The Industrial Vinegar Division trades under the Fleischmann's brand name and is the leading producer of industrial vinegar in North America.

Yours sincerely

HELEN GOLDING
Company Secretary

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